



June 8, 2025 ~ Day of Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

*please stand as you are able

*Have you checked in for worship today on the Church Center app? Please remember to also **sign** the Friendship pads in the pews and greet those seated near you. **NOTE: Worship announcements begin at 8:55 a.m.***

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week #10: Join Hands

- 10. JOIN HANDS.** Work as a team. Collaborate with each other, our professional staff, our lay leaders, and our congregants to find the best solutions. Collaboration lightens the load, generates better ideas than individuals working alone, and unleashes the gifts God has given us all.

Collect

***Prayer:** Our Creator, you weave within each of us a tapestry of unique gifts, a vibrant expression of your love. Break down the barriers of self-doubt and comparison that keep us from fully stepping into our purpose. Ignite within us a passion to use our gifts for the common good, to build bridges of understanding, and to create spaces of belonging. Guide us as we seek to use these gifts in ways that are authentic, impactful, and rooted in love. We pray for this congregation and ourselves. Amen.*

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Fire of God, Undying Flame (Hymn 301)

Willan

* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Frank Manion

Come, people of God, the Spirit is stirring—
like wind across the water, like breath in dry bones.

We come open to wonder, ready to be moved.

Come with your many languages, your varied stories, your unique gifts.

We come as we are—diverse, beloved, called.

From Babel's scattering to Pentecost's gathering,
the Spirit speaks across every border, through every voice.

**Let us worship the God who meets us in many tongues,
and makes us one not in sameness, but in love.**

* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Manion

* Hymn No. 2

Holy, Holy, Holy

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Manion

Spirit of the Living God, we confess that we have preferred the safety of Babel to the wildness of Pentecost. We have craved control over communion, uniformity over unity, certainty over faith. We have turned away from voices that challenge us, and closed our hearts to those unlike us. We have forgotten that You speak in the language of the outsider, the rhythm of resistance, and the silence of the silenced.

Forgive us. Breathe on us again. Set our hearts ablaze with courage, our ears with understanding, and our lives with Your boundless love. Amen.

*** A Time of Silent Prayer and Confession is Offered ***

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Manion

Friends in Christ, the Spirit has never stopped moving. Rushing toward us with grace, breaking down walls, lifting burdens, and restoring hope. You are forgiven. You are free. You are called to live as Pentecost people—bold in love, fierce in joy, and united by the flame of the Holy.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

Ordination and Installation of New Officers (see bios insert)

Rev. Allen

- ELDERS: **Evan Dempster, Rick Dougherty, Lissa Herman, Clerk of Session Kathryn Eagles,**
Matthew Livingston, Frank Manion
- DEACONS: **Sharon Budka, Audrey Drummonds,** Laurie LaMonica, Rachel Long, **Mike Welch**
- TRUSTEES: **Mike Ramage** (new officers in bold)

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Offertory



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Offertory Music

Joel Krott, Organ

Humbly I Adore Thee

Plainsong, Arr. Pfautsch

Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

* Doxology No. 809

* Hymn No. 777 (verse 1)

The Lord is Here

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

“Blood, Breath & Fire”

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-12 (Pew Bible OT p. 9) with Acts 2:1-8; 11b-12 (Pew Bible NT p. 119)

Sermon Series: *Work of the Spirit*

The Lord's Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Allen, Elders

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.** Let us give thanks to the Spirit of our Lord who sets us free. **We offer our thanks and praise.**

Breath of life, from the beginning You moved across chaos and called forth creation ... with choirs of angels and saints of every age, we lift our voices in one holy chorus: **Holy, holy, holy God of wind and fire, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

Concluding Prayer

GROW THE KINGDOM! As we commit to growing God's Kingdom, every member and friend of FPC Moorestown is invited into a covenant with four commitments: I will pray. I will invite. I will serve. I will give. Every member and friend is asked to commit to doing all four. For additional information including commitment forms: <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/grow-the-kingdom/>.

* Hymn No. 777 (verse 2)

The Lord is Here

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Veni Creator Spiritus

Widmar

* Benediction

Rev. Allen

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Worship flowers are given by Elizabeth Litten and Brett Couvillion in loving memory of Elizabeth's mother Mary Josephine McKee Grappe.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Frank Manion; **Communion Elders:** Kristen Perkowski, Melody Ransom, Pam Engle, Steve Shaffer, Paul Grossmann, Frank Manion; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Michael Welch, Paul Grossmann, Sherrell Fitts; **Flower Arrangers:** Debbie Heller and Fran Green; **Trustee Greeter:** Wendy Dougherty; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Peg Pierce; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Diane Samuel and Joshua Leonard; **Bagel Pickup:** Carol Wiggans or Nancy Chumney; **Coffee Hospitality:** Carol Wiggans and Nancy Chumney; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum

Work of God's People (See *Connections*, eblast, website and Church Center app for details)



THANK YOU (!) to everyone who helped out with the 66th Strawberry Festival Friday, June 6 whether you helped greet guests, grill food, prepare invitations, set up the cake room, serve, donate delicious cakes, wash berries, hull berries, staff the kitchen, parking, beverages, utensils or donate much-needed funds to defray expenses (\$ still accepted). SPECIAL shout out to our three fabulous Strawberry Festival Coordinators: **Jen Allen, Laurie LaMonica and Kristen Perkowski.**

Summer Adult Spiritual Formation - Beginning June 8: "Drop In and Discuss" (Lounge) – Stop in Sunday mornings this summer to discuss the day's sermon text. We will gather in the Lounge from 10:15-11:00-ish am. Get your coffee and drop in for ten minutes or for forty. Who is on the Hot Seat this week?

NEW: Congregational Meeting to elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees is scheduled for **Sunday, June 15** at 10:00 am in sanctuary, following Traditional Worship.

NEW: Beginning **Sunday, June 8**, nursery care will be available from **8:45-10:30 a.m.** in Room 12. At the Contemporary service, children are welcome in the kids area in Miller Commons.

VBS June 23-27, 2025 – Registration is OPEN! Get ready for an exciting adventure at *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!* Join us as we guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan journey. We will point kids to Jesus, our faithful friend whom we can always trust—He's our *True North!* **Adult volunteers needed, particularly VBS guides and Recreation leader.** [Visit fpcmoorestown.org/vbs](http://fpcmoorestown.org/vbs). Registration Deadline: **June 20**

New Morning Prayer Time Scheduled: Every Wednesday at 6:30 AM beginning June 4th via Zoom. All are welcome to join Joe and Arlita Winston to pray or bring a request for prayer. Stay as your schedule allows. Contact Arlita at 609-234-1351 for the Zoom sign-in information.

PW Spring Gathering & Baby Shower -- Presbyterian Women invite all women of the church to a Spring Gathering **Monday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m.** in Miller Commons. Sample treats from the dessert bar and connect with your fellow sisters. Speakers: Women from [Good Counsel](#) homes with their children share their stories. **See our website (PW page) or [Church Center event page](#) for items to drop off for a Baby Shower for our guests.** 😊

NEW: Trenton Thunder Faith & Family Night Baseball -- Grab your people and head out to the Trenton Thunder ballpark for a summer church outing on **Saturday, July 19** to cheer on our own MLB Draft League team. Tickets just \$10 each; pay online or by check/cash. Game Time: 6:00 p.m. **Deadline to order: June 25.**

Couples Retreat Rescheduled for **Oct. 17-19** in Cape May. [Register](#) now for the **Early-Bird Special of \$400** per couple (by June 30). We will again stay at The Dormer House, a quaint Victorian B&B. Cost of \$450 per couple includes: breakfast, two nights, group sessions with Dr. Paul Booker, and dinner Saturday. See event page for details and package options.

Baby Bottle Drive May 11-June 22. Take one, fill with spare change, a check or bills and return to the church to support [Options for Her](#). Checks made out to the church with 'Options' in the memo field.

Prayer on the Porch -- Join the Prayer Committee for fellowship and prayer on summer evenings for *Thursday Evening Prayer on the Porch*. Meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:00 pm on the Van Camp Porch. In case of inclement or too-hot weather, we will meet comfortably in the Lounge. Dates: **June 12 & 26; July 10 & 24; August 14 & 28.** *The live stream Thursday Prayer & Praise Service is on hiatus until September.*